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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:** Lee et al.

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WITH METAL SILICIDE DIFFUSION  
BARRIERS

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the objections and final rejections presented in the Office Action of August 22, 2005, the initial period for response to which is set to expire on November 22, 2005. This Amendment is being filed by Monday, October 24, 2005, and, therefore, should be deemed to have been filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action. 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

A listing of the claims, in which amendments to the claims are set forth, begins on page 2 of this paper; and

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